

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT  
or CIP Application)**ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.**

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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c) for type of application)

**REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION**(a) ☒ is attached hereto.(b) ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

**PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE**

(c) ☒ was described and claimed in International Application No. PCT/EP99/05988 filed 12 AUG 1999  
and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:  
(complete (d) or (e))

(d) ☐ no such applications have been filed.(e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**

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**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**

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**PROVISIONAL**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119( ) of any United States application(s) listed below:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
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**CONTINUATION-IN-PART**

(Complete This Part Only If This Is A Continuation-In-Part Application)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application:

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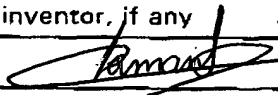
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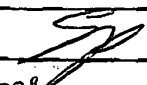
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Jean KERSTEN of Chaussée de Tournai, 259, B-7931 Villers-Saint-Amand, Belgium; Carole LAMANT of Parkstraat, 30, B-1830 Machelen, Belgium; and Jean-Francois SNAPS of Rue du Bossut, 40, B-1390 Nethen, Belgium of have jointly invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC., a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at Building 22-E, One Baxter Parkway, Deerfield, Illinois 60015, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, WE, Jean KERSTEN, Carole LAMANT, and Jean-Francois SNAPS, as co-inventors, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC., the full and exclusive right, title and interest, throughout the world, in, to and under the following:

(a) said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification prepared, and executed by each of such as co-inventors on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor;

(b) said application;

(c) any and all refilings and continuations of said application;

(d) any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application, refilings, division and continuations;

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(f) any and all applications for Letters Patent upon said invention which may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;

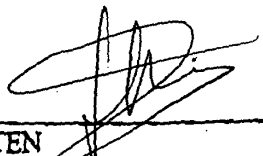
(g) any and all refilings, divisions and continuations of said foreign-filed applications;

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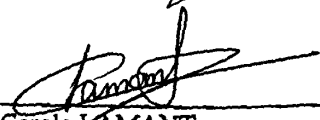
(i) any and all extension of, and additions to, said Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America.

ALL of the above shall be held and enjoyed by said BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. for its own use and behoove, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

Date: Feb 5, 2002

  
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